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PORT ARTHUR WOMAN GUILTY OF DEFRAUDING SOCIAL SECURITY

(Beaumont, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced today that a 48-year-old Port Arthur woman has pleaded guilty to federal charges in the Eastern District of Texas. **PAMELA GWEN GREEN** pleaded guilty to social security fraud today before United States Magistrate Judge Earl S. Hines.

According to information presented in court, from July 1999 through April 2004, Green worked for a Port Arthur business using the name and social security number of a relative, without the knowledge or consent of the relative. Green devised the scheme in order to hide her employment from authorities and receive Social Security Disability Insurance benefits to which she was not entitled. Green's fraudulent use of a social security number also enabled her to obtain excessive Aged and Disabled Medicaid benefits administered by the Texas Department of Human Services. Green received over \$30,000 in benefits to which she was not entitled.

Green faces up to five years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.00 at sentencing. She will also be required to make full restitution. A sentencing date has not been set.

This case is being investigated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – OIG and Texas Health and Human Services – OIG. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Randall L. Fluke.

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